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QUEEN'S FIRST SPEECH TO HER PARLIAMENT

Historic event at Westminster

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH will make her first Speech from the Throne when she opens the second session of the present Parliament on Tuesday, November 4. "My lords, pray be seated" will be her first spoken words to her Parliament since the Accession.

Then, being previously seated on the great Throne chair in the House of Lords, she will indicate the programme her Ministers have mapped out for the new session.

Some 850 peers, and 90 peeresses who ballot for their seats, with peers' sons, archbishops, bishops, judges, and representatives of foreign Powers, will attend the historic ceremony. The Commons, with their Speaker (Mr. W. S. Morrison), will attend at the Bar of the House.

Parliament has not been opened by a Queen since the later years of Queen Victoria. Nor has it been opened by the Sovereign for two years. (This time last year the late King George was too unwell to attend. The ceremony, shorn of its picturesque medieval detail, was performed by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simonds.)

So in every respect this will be an unusual occasion. Few, if any, of the older peers, and certainly no member of the Commons, were present when Queen Victoria last appeared in the Lords. For many

years she was absent altogether, and when she did attend—on four occasions as a compliment to her favourite Prime Minister, Lord Beaconsfield—the Speech was read in her presence by the Lord Chancellor of the day. The very last occasion on which a Queen's voice was heard in Parliament was on February 4, 1861, when Queen Victoria announced the betrothal of her daughter Alice to Prince Louis of Hesse.

WHEN VICTORIA WAS QUEEN

When the young Victoria came to the Throne in 1837 the constitutional law was different. Within 48 hours she dissolved Parliament in person, since the law required a general election on the Accession of a Sovereign.

On her early appearances before the other Estates she was accompanied on the Throne dais by the veteran statesman, Lord Melbourne. (At her first opening ceremony she spoke of the need to reduce taxation!)

After her marriage, Albert, the Prince Consort, stood to her left, and slightly behind her, on the dais while she read the Queen's Speech—an interesting precedent for the role of the Duke of Edinburgh.

The first Queen Elizabeth came to the Throne at the age of 25. "Nothing," she said, "no worldly thing under the sun is so dear to me as the love and goodwill of my subjects." She made her progresses to Westminster brilliant affairs, sometimes riding a horse and usually attending service at the Abbey on her way to Parliament.

MEMORABLE OCCASIONS

Our beautiful Queen, also called to the Throne at 25, is no stranger to the wonderful ceremony over which she will now preside. She first accompanied her parents to the Lords five years ago. Her bearing then, and in later years, evoked the highest admiration.

For Lord Chancellor Simonds this will be a second memorable occasion. The first, a year ago, was unique because he opened Parliament on behalf of the King. Now, for the first time, he will hand the Queen the parchment Speech for her to read—a dramatic moment for the Queen, a proud moment for the Lord Chancellor, and a highly impressive moment for everyone in the House.

LIONS IN THE KITCHEN

Unrehearsed turn at the circus

A French lion-tamer who is also a trapeze artist was swinging gracefully over his lions in a circus at Boulogne, when two of them—evidently, not interested in his antics—started fighting. They were fine three-year-old animals named Rajah and Tarzan.

An assistant managed, with much whip-cracking, to drive them into the tunnel cage which led to their quarters, but they went on fighting, and breaking the side of the tunnel fell out.

Surprised at finding themselves outside the cage, they forgot their quarrel and stared round at the horrified audience. Everyone expected them to turn on the people or a troupe of nearby ponies.

MEALTIME

But the lions must have got an appetising whiff from a mobile kitchen in which the circus folk's meals were being prepared, for they both bounded into it—while the cooks bounded out!

One of the cooks, however, had the presence of mind to shut the door on the two truant animals. The tamer brought up a travelling cage, and coaxed Rajah and Tarzan to leave the *ragoût aux petits pois* and come home. Then they were taken to their own cage.

By the time firemen and gendarmes arrived, Rajah and Tarzan were peacefully snoozing!

BRILLIANT PIANIST AT NINE

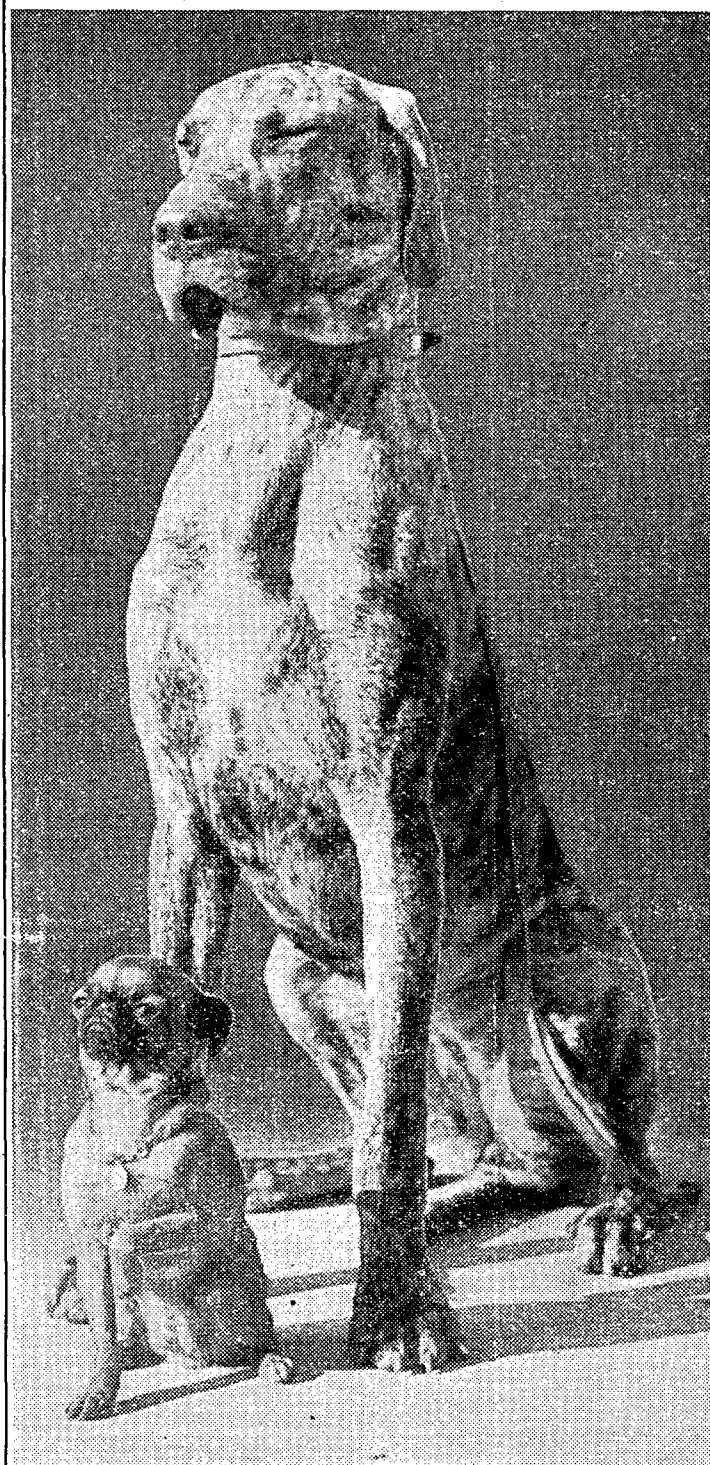
To appear as a concert pianist with a first-class orchestra at the age of nine is a notable feat; and it will be achieved by Allan Schiller of Harrogate on November 16, when he is due to play with the 40-strong Eljos Orchestra at the Civic Theatre, Leeds.

Allan is to play the Rondo and Finale of Haydn's Pianoforte Concerto in D Major, and his appearance will be notable not only because of his age but also because he has been studying the piano for only about 2½ years. He practises for an hour each weekday and two hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Allan's father is a violinist in the Harrogate Municipal Orchestra.

WHY, OH WHY?

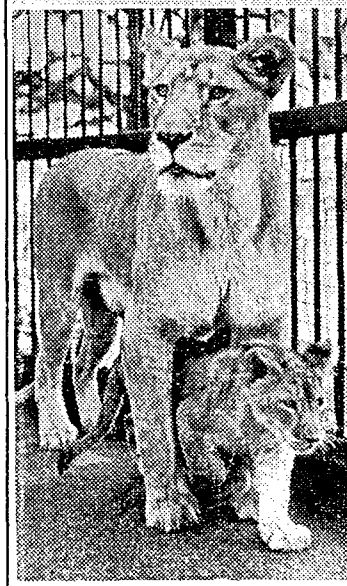
A verse in the current issue of the Normanton Grammar School magazine will undoubtedly find an echo in many a heart. A school-boy's tribute to William Shakespeare, it runs:

*Greatness does not describe thee.
No one thy fame can touch.
In reading thee we find the world,
But why did you write so much?*



Dignity and Impudence

A Great Dane weighing over 120 lbs. dwarfs a 4½-lb. Griffon at a dog show in London. On the left, Judith the lioness at Bristol Zoo, remains dignified and unruffled as her cub gets up to its tricks.



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FARM MOVED BY TRAIN

The entire equipment and stock of a 300-acre farm near Brecon, in Wales, was recently moved in a special train to another farm near Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire. Tractors, motors, ploughs, a combine harvester, and other equipment filled 17 wagons; eleven other wagons were provided for the livestock, which included over 100 cattle and 200 chickens. The farm owner and his family travelled in a special coach.

At the station, lorries were waiting to take the animals to their new home some four miles away. The cows arrived at about 5 a.m.—just in time to be milked!

EAR-SPLITTING

The world's loudest siren has been trundled off to a remote mountain area to further scientific study of sound and heat energy.

Comparative quiet will reign again in the physics department of the University of California at Los Angeles, where the siren was designed, for its sound is equal to that of 2000 symphony orchestras hitting the peak of a crescendo.

The siren has been isolated at Pico Canyon near Newhall, where, to protect their hearing from permanent injury, researchers working around it will wear ear plugs while it is in operation.

AMERICANS AGOG FOR ELECTION DAY

By the C.N. Diplomatic Correspondent.

NEARLY 50 million Americans will decide by vote next Tuesday (November 4) who is to be the next President of the United States. By the following day the world should know whether Mr. Dwight Eisenhower, the Republican candidate, or Mr. Adlai Stevenson, the champion of the Democratic Party, is to be called to that great office.

For over three months the struggle for the Presidency has stirred America with the heat of Party fervour, and this week sees the climax of the campaigns. Yet even when the result of the voting is known, the victor will have to wait until January 20 before he is inaugurated President and Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. armed forces.

This long interval after an electoral decision is unknown under constitutions such as that of Britain. When the Conservative Party won the day after our own General Election last year, Mr. Churchill, as their leader, was called by the King to form a new administration of which he would be the Premier within an hour or two of the result becoming known.

PANEL OF ELECTORS

The reason for the difference in America is that her voters decide the issue indirectly. They do it by voting for a panel of Party electors. These come together on December 15, as the Electoral College and name the successor of Mr. Truman, the present Democrat President, according to the majority of the national votes cast next week.

At first it might appear that the Electoral College could disregard the people's vote and choose someone else. Under strict laws, laid down in a written constitution, however, they have to name the candidate of the successful party.

Meanwhile, Mr. Truman carries on at the White House, making administrative decisions as though there had been no election and his term of office were continuing indefinitely. Such is the theory, but in practice the next two months will be the most difficult of his Presidency.

For as a patriotic statesman Mr. Truman's great aim will be to leave affairs so that his successor, whether Mr. Eisenhower or Mr. Stevenson, can take charge with the minimum of worry and trouble. Consequently, a retiring President is apt to postpone vital policy decisions so that the new President may decide matters for himself.

MANY CHANGES

But when they cast their votes next week the American people will choose as their leaders many more of their fellow citizens than their President and the Vice-President who would automatically take his place were he to die. They will elect members of Congress and Governors and legislators for their respective States, together with councillors and officials for local authorities.

The American Senate, approximately equivalent to our own House of Lords, has one-third of its membership up for election at this time. On the other hand, the

House of Representatives, which can be compared with Britain's House of Commons, has to be completely re-elected. At present the Democrats have a majority of four in the Senate, which has 96 members. In the House of Representatives there are 232 Democrats to 201 Republicans.

A Democrat victory for Mr. Stevenson would almost certainly be accompanied by continued majorities for his Party in Congress, the American equivalent of our Parliament. In that event many of the members of Mr. Truman's Cabinet might well be maintained in office.

But an adequate Republican victory next week would see not only Mr. Eisenhower installed as the new President, but a change of Cabinet and a new balance of power in Congress. Even if his majority were a small one he would have control of all the important policy-making committees of Congress.

34th PRESIDENT

Who will win? Will it be Mr. Stevenson, who came forward so reluctantly to be a candidate? No aura of fame surrounds him as it does his rival, but his campaign speeches have revealed a man of fine intellect, and first-rate qualities. Moreover, he has had the almost tempestuous support of President Truman, who is regarded almost as a wizard in the art of winning elections. Or will the victor be Mr. Eisenhower, the leader of the Allied armies in the last war and as such a hero in his own country and in Europe too?

Whichever of the rivals goes to the White House in January he will be America's 34th President since George Washington was inaugurated in 1789.

Whether Democrat or Republican he will assume his prodigious responsibilities with the good wishes of the British people.

OVERSEAS STUDY

This year over 800 European workers have been aided by Unesco to take part in study groups abroad; they were all students who would not otherwise have had an opportunity to travel overseas.

Under this scheme students from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden joined British colleagues for a fortnight's Summer School at Oxford; Dutch workers visited Austria; and a group of Belgian, British, French, and Swiss student-workers attended an international centre at Rambouillet, France.

Each tour was genuinely educational, and there were also ample opportunities for the visitors to learn something of their host country's way of life.

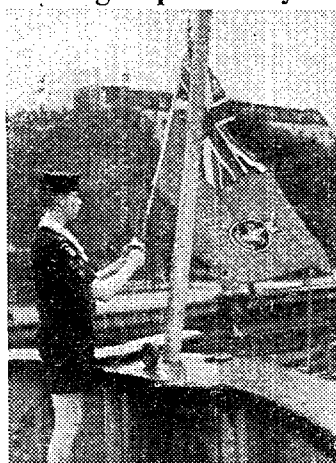
Australia's Bush Brothers

The Bush Brothers of Australia, the wandering padres of the Church of England who carry the Gospel to the remote parts of their continent, recently celebrated their jubilee in Charleville, the small town in Western Queensland from where many of them had set out on their adventurous missions. Countryfolk as well as Brothers came from all parts of Australia to hear the Jubilee service.

Little is heard even in Australia of this great movement. Yet the Brothers have done much educational and social work; they have built schools in distant and backward areas, and provided hostels so that the poor can enjoy free holidays.

Next month the Brothers will open Queensland's first Anglican agricultural college. The school will hold 40 boarders aged between six and ten. It will cost about £20,000, and will stand in 100 acres of high, fertile land.

Flag of proficiency



The Admiralty has given permission for Sea Scout units which reach the required standard of proficiency to fly the Red Ensign aboard their craft. The flag, with a superimposed Scout Badge, is seen flying aboard the *Discovery*, moored by the Embankment, London.

EASY AS A B C

When spelling out words by telephone, many people use a phonetic alphabet recommended by the G.P.O.; it is largely based on Christian names—A for Andrew, B for Benjamin, C for Charlie. Army signallers also have a special alphabet.

From the beginning of November thousands of airline and airport employees will use a completely new one, internationally approved for checking initials by radio. It begins A for Alfa, B for Bravo, C for Cocco, and has been devised to help foreign pilots who had difficulty in pronouncing some of the words of the older codes.

SPROUTS AS BIG AS FISTS

Schoolboys took part in a Garden is Your Larder exhibition held recently in Norwich to encourage people to grow as much of their own food as possible.

One school showed a crop of brussels sprouts which had been treated with nitrate of potash and were as big as a boy's fist.

News from Everywhere

CYCLING VETERAN

Fifty years ago Henri Gauban cycled 177 miles from Toulouse to Luchon in 9 hours 8 minutes. Now, at the age of 78, he has cycled the same distance in 16 minutes less time.

To give his parishioners an idea of what their new church will look like, the Revd. F. C. Wagborne of West Wickham, Kent, has built a scale model.

On her Malayan tour, the Duchess of Kent was presented with blowpipes, poisoned arrows, and coconut bowls by Sarawak's tribal leaders.

An eight-year-old Yakima Indian recently fell into the raging Columbia River and disappeared. Another Indian who was fishing cast his net where he guessed the boy would be carried, "netted" him, and then landed him safely.

THANKLESS TASK

An old Guernsey bull, crippled by arthritis, at Elveden, Suffolk, was given treatment in an electric blanket. The treatment was so effective that later the bull chased the veterinary surgeon out of its stall.

Mr. W. Shelley of Ipswich, planted a peach stone seven years ago; this year he picked 738 peaches from the tree.

Some of the new Elizabeth II coins will have a leek—the Welsh emblem—on one side.

ARTHUR MEE'S SCHOOL

Arthur Mee's old school at Stapleford, in Nottinghamshire, has become a girls' school with the new name of the Arthur Mee Secondary School for Girls.

A small boy at Kambompo, in Northern Rhodesia, who poured water into a radio set, explained to his father: "It's for the announcer. He must be thirsty."

The skull of a hippopotamus has been unearthed in a garden at Cookham, Berkshire.

NEW SCHOOLS FOR KENT

The Kent Education Committee is to spend well over £1,000,000 on building new schools in the county.

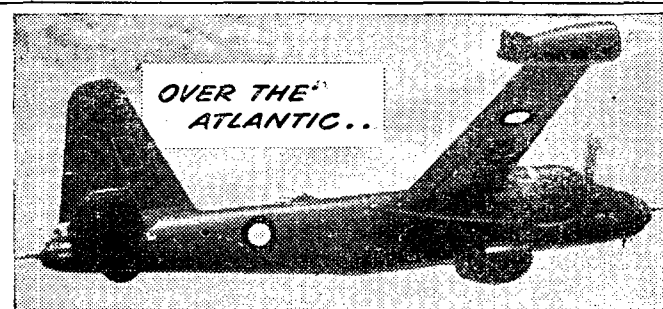
Children of the Southern Railway Orphanage at Woking, Surrey, will get 56 lbs. of honey from a beehive on the roof of Waterloo Station, London.

The village of Mitchell, near Newquay, Cornwall, has subscribed over £352,000 to National Savings in the last 12 years—a remarkable achievement for a place with fewer than 400 people.

NEVER LATE

Edward Malone, a 65-year-old post office worker of Leeds, has never been late for work in his 50 years with the G.P.O.

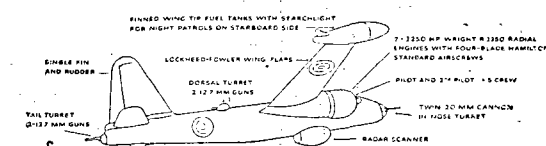
A two-seater plane that can be turned into a car by shedding its wings, tail, and propeller, is to be tried out by the U.S. Government.



the submarine hunt is on!

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ROMAN KILN IN SCHOOL FIELD

Not many boys and girls are as lucky as the pupils of Endsleigh Preparatory School, Colchester, who recently found a real Roman kiln in the centre of their playing fields while a bulldozer was levelling the ground.

When the headmaster stated that the curious circle of red wall that had suddenly appeared above the ground was the top of a Roman kiln enthusiasm was unbounded, and excavations were at once begun under the supervision of the Curator of Colchester Museum.

Roman pottery was revealed in plenty—fragments of the huge rough jars used for storing grain and other pieces as delicate as a rose petal and beautifully decorated. At the mouth of the kiln was a handsome brooch which shows the influence of Celtic art.

Now the school is to have its own Roman museum, and the centrepiece will be a scale-model of the kiln, made from the brick and tiles of the original.

DIPPABLE-INTO BOOKS

"There is something about an Annual that you don't find in any other books. It's so full of so many different kinds of things—what one of my young brothers once called 'a dippable-into book.'"

Enid Blyton wrote that—in her autobiography—and most young readers will agree; many of them, in fact, have already begun to give hints about Annuals they would like for Christmas.

Some of the younger folk have started a whispering campaign in favour of The Playbox Annual, and this is bound to catch on, for Playbox was one that used to delight our parents, and it is as jolly as ever. Another jolly Annual, full of cheery characters, is the Tip Top Book.

Older girls are campaigning for The School Friend Annual, full of tales about school life, romance, mystery, adventure, and humour. And their brothers are just as anxious to dip into the excitements of The Champion Annual.

NATIONAL TRUST CARDS

All country-lovers will appreciate the new National Trust Christmas cards, depicting beautiful and historic Trust properties—Leith Hill, Thomas Hardy's birthplace, rugged Godrevy Point in Cornwall, Derwentwater, and eight others.

The purchase of these handsome cards helps the great work of the Trust, whose recent report points out that in spite of its efforts to preserve our treasures, many of them are in peril of disappearance.

The Christmas cards (3s. 6d. for a packet of six) can be obtained from the Fine Arts Publishing Company, Burlington Works, Cornwall Avenue, Finchley, London, N.3. They are certain to please your friends.

DRAKE'S LODESTONE

The National Maritime Museum at Greenwich has acquired a small lodestone believed to have belonged to Sir Francis Drake, and given by him to Lawrence Kemey, a Welshman who commanded the vessel Callego under Sir Walter Raleigh.

The lodestone is mentioned in an inventory made in 1630 of the property of the Kemey family, who lived at Michaelstone, near Cardiff. The stone became a family heirloom, and Lord Wharton, the present owner, has now lent it to the museum.

These lodestones were once carried by mariners to "touch-up" demagnetised compass needles. This old stone is still strongly magnetic.

EARLIEST AIRMAIL

An exhibition of airmail stamps and covers at the Science Museum, South Kensington, includes a reminder that air mail began before aeroplanes.

As early as 1785 balloons were used to convey communications across the Channel to the French Court. Balloon post was also used to fly letters into the besieged city of Paris at the beginning of the Franco-Prussian War; as many as 2,500,000 letters were taken in 68 balloons.



Alloy, there!

In Portsmouth Harbour three cadets from the Girls' Naval Training College climb the rigging of the Foudroyant, which was built in 1817 and is the oldest of the Navy's sailing ships still afloat.

BRONZE AGE SCRAP

Workmen excavating the site of a new school at Gorleston, Norfolk, have unearthed about 50 broken swords, spears, and axes, dating from the Bronze Age. The collection was probably buried by a wandering bronze founder.

These founders used to visit settlements about once a year to supply new weapons, and to save themselves from carrying heavy loads of metal often hid a supply nearby. There is evidence that the cunning bronze founder who visited Gorleston some 2500 years ago, buried his pile at the bottom of a shallow stream.

TAPESTRY FOR THE CORONATION

In their Regent's Park studio, Mr. A. N. Stewart and his team of nine Ministry of Works artists, recently put down their brushes with a sigh of relief.

For a hectic week they had worked overtime, designing, cutting stencils, and painting the 50-foot-long paper pattern for the tapestry, which will form a colourful part of the coronation decorations of Westminster Abbey.

The tapestry will be woven by a Midlands firm.

SAMPLING HOT STEEL

How does the modern steelman take a sample of molten steel bubbling in a ladle and 20 times as hot as boiling water? He simply uses a device like an ordinary glass eye-dropper with a rubber bulb on one end.

But no ordinary glass is used for this sampling tube; it is of a special heat-resistant type. When the molten steel has solidified in the tube the glass is broken, and there is the steel sample for testing.

MANCHESTER'S THEATRES

The history of the theatre in Manchester is portrayed in an exhibition now being held at the Central Library.

Research workers have been able to identify the sites of more than 50 buildings in the city which, at one time or another during the last 200 years, have served as theatres. Many of them were originally designed as chapels, and one as a tram shed.

Playbills on show recall the visits of many famous theatrical figures—John Kemble (as King Lear), Sarah Bernhardt, Henry Irving, and Ellen Terry.

One of the revelations of the exhibition is that ten important theatres have been demolished, eight have become cinemas, one is a ballroom, and another a warehouse.

RADIO CONTROL AT COLLIERY

The newly-opened colliery at Calverton, Nottinghamshire, has the most modern equipment in Europe. When completed it will have cost £4,000,000 and will employ 1800 workers. The shafts go down 560 feet, and by 1957 will be producing a million tons of coal a year for a century.

The diesel engines which take away the coal from the mine are to be operated by radio control, and railway sidings have been built to hold 1770 wagons.

AT THE CINEMA IN SCHOOLTIME

To hear a teacher saying, "Any more for the cinema? Line up here," is the sort of thing to expect in a topsy-turvy dream. Nevertheless, something like it will be heard soon in London schools. Pupils of 13 and upwards, in charge of teachers, are to visit the National Film Theatre on the South Bank during school hours.

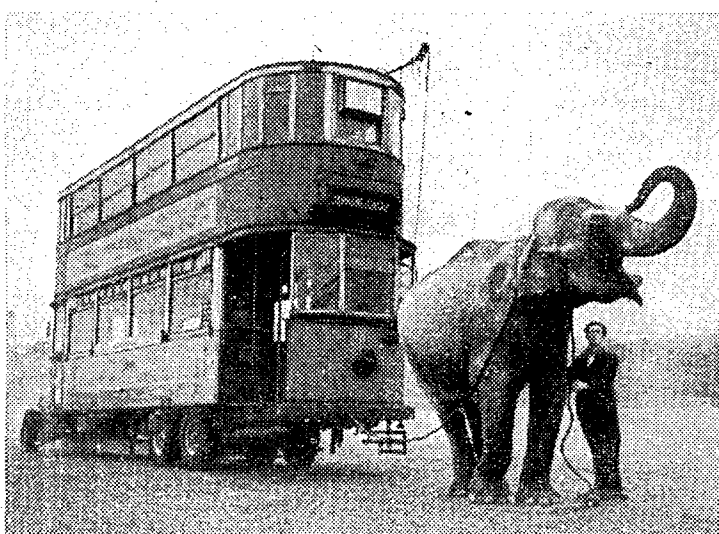
Not long ago some 400 teachers went to a preview of the kind of programmes that will be presented at six special shows arranged for children during the coming winter.

The main features of these shows will be excerpts from such films as Oliver Twist, Henry V, History of Mr. Polly, Scott of the Antarctic, and Men of Two Worlds. There will also be films about various British composers.

FARMERS TO SHARE IDEAS

Gone are the days when farmers preferred to keep on doing things like their fathers before them. Today, indeed, the farmer is eager to try out ideas which have been introduced in other countries.

Sixteen countries, including the United Kingdom, have helped the Food and Agricultural Organisation to draw up a plan under which the results of research anywhere in Europe will be exchanged among all the agricultural countries of the Continent.



Comet tows a tram

A London tram which used to run to the Elephant and Castle has gone to Chessington Zoo. In our picture Comet, the zoo's elephant, is hauling the tram to its final destination.

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Her own riding school

Although only 16, Rosemary White of Maidstone, Kent, has opened a riding school. Our picture shows her with some of her young pupils.

SCHOOLBOY FILM STAR

A 14-year-old London schoolboy spent two weeks of his summer holidays on the River Dart in Devon, learning to sail a dinghy in order to play his film part. He is Guthrie Mason of Kenton, Middlesex, and he is the star of a new film, *Swift Waters*, which has been specially made for child audiences.

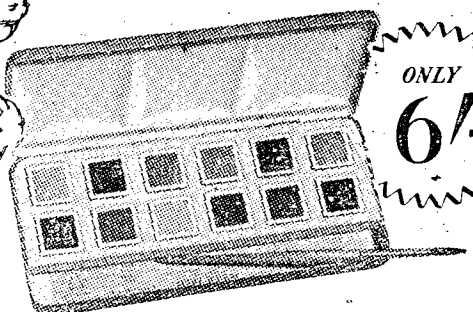
A pupil at Preston Manor Grammar School, Guthrie is a well-built, stocky boy with ginger hair, and is captain of his house soccer team. The film, a "short," is one of three shown recently by the

Children's Film Foundation at the Gaumont, in the Haymarket, London, to a selected audience.

The story is of a timid boy on holiday from London who is taken sailing by two local children and saves a dog from drowning. *Swift Waters* was shot during the summer at Dittisham by Data Film Unit.

Guthrie has played in one film before. He took the part of the young brother of the heroine in John Grierson's picture, *The Brave Don't Cry*.

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We live in an age of Substitutes

The shortage and high cost of certain raw materials has impelled many manufacturers to seek alternatives, and in some instances the conventional methods of making familiar things are being ousted by cheaper or more efficient processes. Here we give a few examples of substitutes and synthetics that are replacing orthodox materials.

Chairs. Armchairs now being made almost entirely from corrugated fibre-board are strong enough to withstand a load of one ton without damage.

They are cheap to produce, and can be taken to pieces, packed flat for transport, and easily put together again. With a loose cover of suitable material the finished chair resembles the orthodox built-up armchair.

Dishes. Take a handful of sawdust, mix with resin, pour into a compression-moulding machine—and what do we get? Why, dishes, bowls, and similar household articles, all with an attractive mottled wood appearance.

The cost is low and these new sawdust plastic articles, which are pleasing and durable, should be in the shops in greater numbers shortly.

Oil drums. Manufacturers of metal drums for holding oils and similar fluids have found a novel substitute material idea. The sides of drums are being made of a number of laminations of special paper and aluminium foil, only the tops and bottoms still being of steel.

In use, these drums appear to be quite as satisfactory as their steel counterparts. They are lighter and cheaper to make.

Shoes. More than a third of the shoes now made in the United States have synthetic leather soles and heels. The proportion is expected to go on increasing until in a few years' time only the uppers of new shoes will be of ordinary leather.

It is claimed that synthetic leathers are easier to work, give less waste, and also wear better than natural leather.

Yarn. Man-made fibres, of which rayon and nylon are the best known, are formed by flowing viscous chemical solutions through spinnerets and solidifying the resulting thread.

The latest development in this field consists of mixing powdered aluminium with the chemical solutions so that the resulting thread has the appearance of having been drawn from gleaming metal.

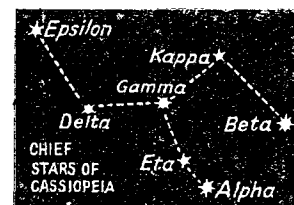
Insulators. Quartz is a hard, glass-like mineral, but synthetic quartz has been produced in the form of paper for use in heat insulation. Quartz paper is considered superior to asbestos sheet both for heat and electrical insulation. It can withstand temperatures as high as 3000 degrees Fahrenheit.

OUR PLACE IN OUR UNIVERSE

FIVE bright stars in the form of a W may be seen almost overhead on any fine evening throughout the winter, writes the C.N. Astronomer. These are the chief stars of the ancient constellation of Cassiopeia, the queen-mother of Andromeda, according to Greek legendary lore.

This queen has always been represented as sitting on a small throne resembling a chair. The stars, with the addition of Kappa, outline the shape of a chair, and this accounts for the group being known through the centuries as Cassiopeia's Chair.

On any dark and clear star-lit night through the coming months (providing the Moon and artificial lights are not in evidence) we may distinctly see a wide arch of filmy light behind and far beyond the stars of Cassiopeia. It appears wider than the constellation, and at the present time extends both east and west, dipping down toward the north-east and south-west horizon.



On favourable nights—usually frosty ones—it is a grand sight and represents one side of our Universe, or Galaxy. Since ancient times this belt of filmy light has been popularly known as the Milky Way, for then no one had any idea of what it was and from whence the light came. But now very much indeed is known about it.

The filmy light comes from myriads of radiant suns—streams and clouds of suns in numbers uncountable, as can be seen from photographs taken through powerful telescopes. They all belong to our Galaxy, of which our little Earth is a part, as explained in the C.N. for October 18.

Now let us form a mental picture of this swirl of stellar glory,

our Galaxy. Of course, we only see half of it at one time, and that at a disadvantage, because we are in it.

If we imagine ourselves on one of the sparks of a gigantic catherine-wheel firework, with this small spark situated about one-third of the way from the radiant centre of the revolving firework, we get an idea of our Sun's place and that of the Earth in relation to our Galaxy.

Some of the outer curving streams of our firework correspond to the great arch of filmy light that we see above us of an evening. But the centre of the "firework," from which the arms radiate, is now low in the south-west sky, and might be seen if the sky were sufficiently clear and dark. It is the region of Sagittarius and represents our Galaxy's hub.

This Sagittarius region is the nearest to us, being on an average some 20,000 to 30,000 light-years distant, whereas those spirally streaming arms which extend to the circumference of our Galaxy beyond Cassiopeia are more in the region of 50,000 to 70,000 light-years from us.

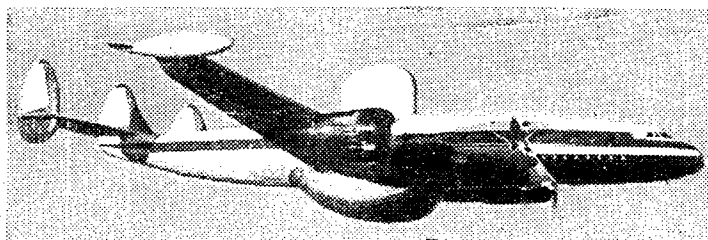
MILLIONS OF SUNS

There are many outlying "galactic islands" composed of millions of suns which are of great interest; and so also are two colossal masses which seem to have broken away from the Milky Way. They are low in the southern heavens and are known as the Magellanic Clouds, since the navigator Magellan first noted them. The larger Cloud is about 85,000 light-years away, and the smaller one some 95,000 light-years.

So when we look from the great arch of filmy light beyond Cassiopeia to that oval patch of similar light representing the Andromeda Galaxy, we are looking through the great concourse of suns surrounding our own Sun and through the spiral arms of our own vast Galaxy.

G. F. M.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



25. Lockheed WV-2 Super Constellation

This odd-looking radar-equipped version of the Lockheed Super Constellation is known by the U.S. Navy as the WV-2. Packed with electronics, it is a high-flying radar sentinel to give warning of the approach of hostile planes. Tip tanks, each with a capacity of 600 gallons, are fitted to the wings of the model shown above to increase the range.

While the U.S. Navy experiments with its WV-2, the first production model of the civil Super Constellation airliner, loaded with huge ballast tanks, pumps,

cameras, sound recorders, and gauges, is undergoing an extensive test programme before going into service with eleven of the world's airlines.

Up to a dozen men are needed to put the aircraft through its paces. During its trials water will be pumped among six pairs of ballast tanks to shift the centre of gravity and thus test the aircraft's stability. Even the stresses on the propeller blades are being measured.

With four Wright compound piston engines, the top speed of the Super Constellation is well over 350 m.p.h.

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ROUND THE TOWNS

with Alan Ivimey

STAMFORD

LIKE many another old town, Stamford, in Lincolnshire, owes its existence to a ford across a river, though it is the fine old Town Bridge which now takes us across the Great North Road—and I never saw an English town with a better approach.

This particular ford may quite well have been supplied with a paved causeway, and the town's name perhaps is derived from such a crossing. At any rate, one of the great Roman military highways, the Ermine Street from London to Lincoln, crossed the River Welland at what, because of the Fens, was possibly the last fordable point between here and the sea. But there was no Roman Stamford. The nearest Roman town was *Durobrivae*, near what is now Castor, a few miles to the south.

Ermine Street and the modern Great North Road follow the same course for part of the way, but coming north from Norman Cross the Roman road continues past Alwalton, leaving the modern traffic to bear leftward for Wansford. It can be traced through Burghley Park (the ancestral seat of the Marquess of Exeter) just south of Stamford; and it forded the river near the present bridge and then crossed the meadows to rejoin the route of the modern highway, near Great Casterton, just north of the town.

DURING the dark centuries which followed the departure of the legions, Saxon and Dane fought each other in the district, and both sides built strongholds here. For two centuries or so before the Normans arrived, Stamford was a walled town with a mint, and the status of a royal borough.

The Normans built a castle on the site of the earlier strongholds, and Stamford grew into a prosperous medieval town, defended by eleven strong towers and entered by seven fortified gates.

Apart from one or two fragments, such as parts of a tower and postern in Bath Row, the castle has gone, its mound having been cleared away to make a car park. The curious little archway piercing the line of shops on St. Mary's Hill, as we come over the bridge into the town, is thought to have been a communication between the castle and the Town Gate on the bridge.

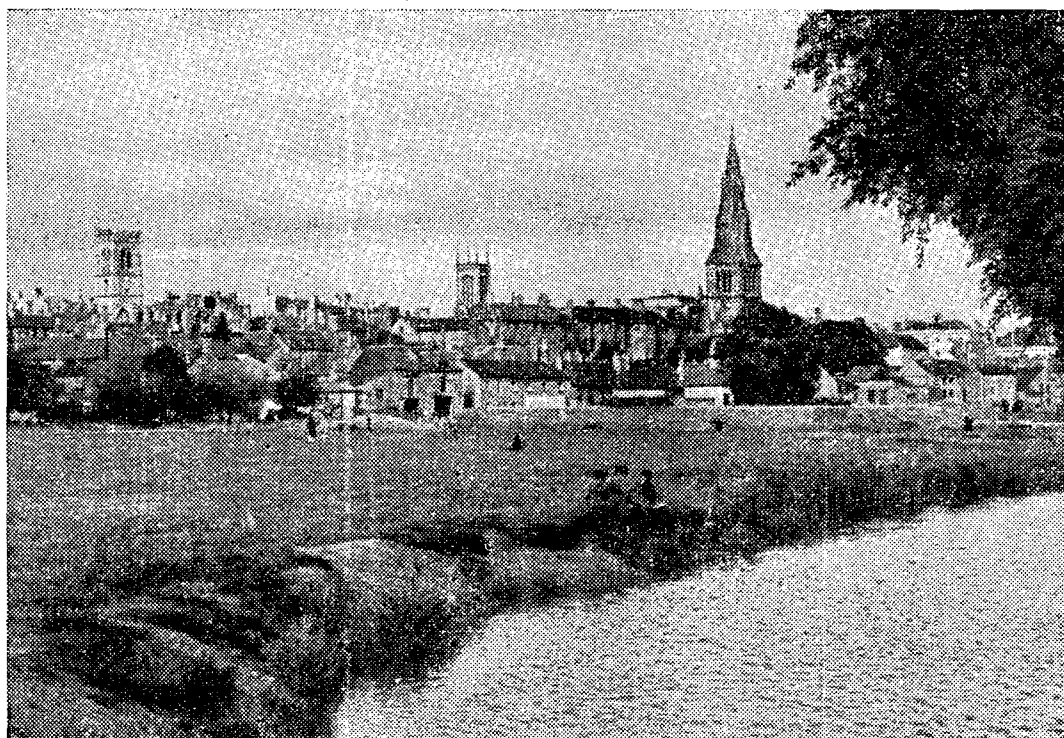
The town walls, of course, went long ago, though we can follow their course and see some traces of their masonry in North Street and West Street. But the appearance

of the place when it was walled can be imagined easily from the river meadows, where the grey skyline breaks out into towers, pinnacles, and steeples; it still has the small, compact character of a town of the Middle Ages.

WE must remember that this little town which, in the Middle Ages, had only a few thousand inhabitants—and still has only about 11,000—was a place of great wealth. Stamford not only had 13 parish churches, six of which survive, but it had splendid monastic buildings, almshouses, and colleges.

The first of the religious houses to be founded here, St. Leonard's Priory, was built a little outside the St. George's Gate, near the Black Friary; parts of it can still be seen from the Market Deeping road.

Browne's Hospital, in Broad Street, remains as an example of the magnificent buildings put up by



A compact little town. Stamford from the south, with the towers of St. John's and St. Martin's, and the lofty spire of St. Mary's-on-the-Bridge



The quiet charm of St. Paul's Street

the wealthy pious in those days. Its founder was a rich wool merchant, six times Alderman of Stamford, and he put up his "hospital" for deserving folk in his native town who had fallen on evil days. The town's wealth, like William Browne's, was founded on cloth making; its cloth was at one time known and valued all over Europe.

The two disasters from which Stamford never wholly recovered, were the sack and burning by the Lancastrian army after the battle of Wakefield, and, some 90 years later, the suppression of the monasteries, which must have wiped out most of the town's remaining wealth almost at a blow.

Browne founded his magnificent hospital shortly after the first disaster and probably spent more on it than he would otherwise have done—it is more like a little palace than an almshouse—because his town was in so sad a plight. A hint of the same tradition of refusing to look poor may be seen in two shop-fronts (in St. Mary's Street and on St. Mary's Hill) which were built after the suppression of the religious houses, but while that upheaval was still fresh in people's minds.

ONE is not surprised, after walking round the town and knowing a little of its story, to learn that in

early times Parliaments and Councils of State sat here; nor that it was from Stamford that the Barons, having assembled their forces, marched out to face King John and exact from him the promises contained in Magna Carta.

One of the most interesting incidents pointing to the esteem in which the old town was held was its choice by a body of Oxford students as a more attractive place for a university. This was in 1334, when Oxford was going through a time of great strife, often leading to bloodshed, between students and townsmen.

Some of the students decided to migrate to Stamford, which already had a considerable reputation for learning. The College of the Grey-Friars was chosen by them as a place where they could carry on the best traditions of scholarship, and they founded a new Brasenose College there. The playgrounds of Stamford School, founded in the 14th century, now cover the site, but its gateway is still standing—a pointed archway in a wall.

FOR centuries an exciting and perilous custom called the Bull-Running was maintained on November 13. A bull would be turned loose in the streets and chased through the town by all the men, women, and children, armed with clubs and singing what was called the Bullard's song.

They must have been tough folk in Stamford in those days, for they

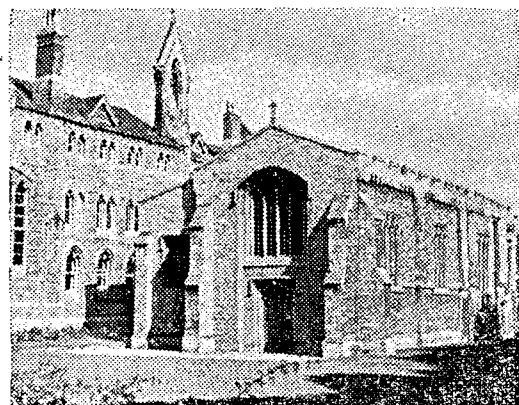
thought nothing of reversing the usual procedure and tossing the bull—instead of letting it toss them—over the Town Bridge into the river.

The feelings of the animal were, of course, not thought worth considering, and not until 1839 was the Bull-Running abolished.

Thirty years before the last of the Bull-Runnings there was buried in the graveyard of St. Martin's the famous Daniel Lambert, the fattest man in history. At 23 he weighed 32 stone and was henceforth condemned to live as a curiosity, growing fatter and fatter, so that when he died his coffin had to be built on wheels for he weighed over 52 stone. His waistcoat measured 102 inches round—enough to turn Billy Bunter speechless with envy.

St. Martin's is to Stamford what Southwark was to London—a little suburb across the bridge and in another county. Its stone-fronted houses, old church, and imposing coaching inn, are our introduction to Stamford as we come north from London, and a most inviting one.

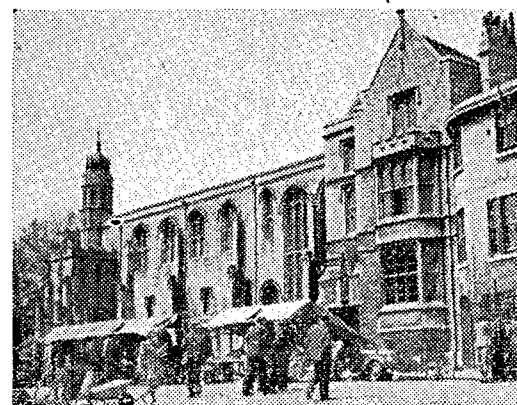
BESIDES doing a good tourist trade, Stamford supplies a big agricultural area with tractors, diesel engines, potato-diggers, beet-lifters, and other farming machinery. It is also, of course, what it always has been from the very beginning, all those centuries ago—a thriving market town.



Medieval chapel of the Grammar School



Burghley House, the stately Elizabethan mansion of the Marquess of Exeter. Its magnificent grounds are open to the public



Browne's Hospital and the old market-place

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FOR YOUNG SPORTSMEN

I feel it is much more important to come away from the Olympic Games with a good reputation, and having made friends with everybody there, than to come back with a bagful of medals.

IN those words the Duke of Edinburgh recently expressed for us all that true sporting spirit which is one of Britain's greatest contributions to civilisation.

This heritage of the spirit, however, cannot be preserved unless we continue to be a nation of sportsmen in the physical sense; and that, as the Duke also pointed out, depends on having "proper facilities, such as tracks and playing-fields, and then good coaching."

He himself has opened several lately, including one at Stepney; and it has been a labour of love for him. "I will go almost anywhere to see a new playing-field opened," he said.

He must have been particularly pleased to open the Stepney playing-field, a first instalment of 65 acres in an area in the heart of London's East End which for nearly two centuries before the blitz was a mass of congested buildings.

Our planners would do well to remember his words: "It is so easy to build houses and to forget about playing-fields until there is no ground left."

Under the Editor's Table

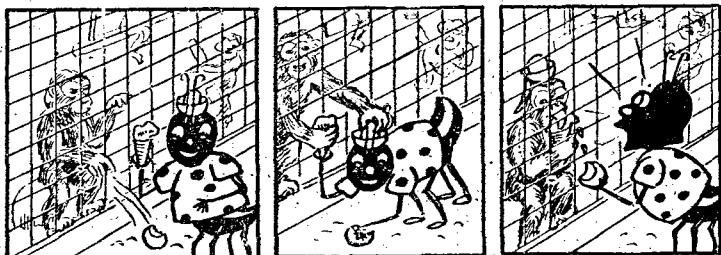
Somebody is advertising for a good all-round gardener. To roll the lawn?

Certain people enjoy indifferent health. Would not have it different.

Some folk say they cannot work in frosty weather. Want to let things slide.

A man has written a book on trees. Only on the leaves, we assume.

BILLY BEETLE



The Editor's Table

GUARD THAT FIRE

BIRMINGHAM recently held a week's publicity campaign urging people to take precautions against burns and scalds. It was pointed out that every year 17,500 victims of these accidents are admitted to hospitals in England and Wales, and that many of them would have been saved by fireguards in their homes. A pamphlet describing efficient fireguards was published.

Unprotected, the cheerful fire in the sitting-room can be as great a danger to children and old people as the traffic on the roads.

Every fire in our house—coal, gas, or electric—should be fitted with the right kind of fireguard.

Please to remember

FOR many of us November the Fifth is one of the jolliest days of the year. We have been saving up fireworks and piling up rubbish for a bonfire.

It is fun to have one's friends in, too, but there are other friends who hate the Fifth of November because the bangs are really terrifying to them. They are the dogs and cats, who are often so terrified that they run away and are lost.

Our Dumb Friends' League report an increasing number of animals lost or hurt through fireworks every year. They should be shut up somewhere indoors during the celebrations, and should at no time be out alone in the dark during this explosive season.

LOOK WITHIN

We are too apt to look abroad for good. But the only true good is within. In this outward universe, magnificent as it is, in the bright sky and the starry night, in the earth and the skies, we can discover nothing so vast as thought, so strong as the unconquerable purpose of duty, so sublime as the spirit of disinterestedness and self-sacrifice.

W. E. Channing

Weather conditions us

OUR changeable climate has contributed a great deal towards our character and mentality, says Professor Gordon Manley in his *Climate and the British Scene* (Collins, 25s.).

Besides giving us fair complexions, it apparently has made us prudent and shrewd, inclined to look before we leap.

We think it an interesting theory, and one certainly supported by the fact that we are a nation of umbrella carriers.

Horse sense



Straight from the horse's mouth a coin falls into the trough—one of the old-fashioned money-boxes pictured on a National Savings poster now displayed in many schools.

All Hallows

NOVEMBER 1 is All Saints Day, known to Shakespeare's England and for centuries before him as All Hallows.

The French word for it is Toussaint, which in England has survived in the name of the Devonshire parish of Buckland-Tout-Saints.

There used to be festivities such as bobbing for apples and cracking nuts on All Hallows Eve as well as on the day itself; and the Welsh also had a number of weather saws about All Hallows which have been preserved in rhymes in their language.

Translations of some of them are:

*All Saints Day, a time of pleasant gossiping,
The gale and the storm keep equal pace;
On All Saints Day blustering is the weather,
Very unlike the beginning of the past fair season.*

*On All Saints Day tis hard and dry,
Doubly black is the crow, quick is the arrow from the bow.*

Several churches in our country are dedicated to All Hallows, but hundreds more to All Saints.

WHERE DIGNITY ABIDES

True dignity abides with him alone
Who, in the silent hour of inward thought,
Can still support, and still revere himself
In lowliness of heart.

William Wordsworth

DEAR ME!

A GENTLEMAN in Derbyshire who is clerk to both the urban and rural councils of a district has to write letters to himself during the course of his work; and he claims that the members of the two councils do not laugh when he tells them: "I have received the following letter from myself."

But how does one begin and end such letters? "Dear Me . . . Yours Faithfully, Yourself"? Or would that be thought too familiar for official correspondence?

There is one advantage of the position; if he forgets to post the letter, it doesn't matter.

Any complaints?

AMERICAN officers stationed in Trieste serve breakfast in bed for a week to any private soldier who gives £3 10s. to a certain charity.

One hopes that the reward is not marred, as it might be in the British Army, by a sergeant-major immediately following the officer with the tray, and remarking, with complete lack of bedside manner, that the breakfast-in-bedder needs a haircut and that his pillow isn't straight.

Soul of Europe

Thank Him who isled us here, and roughly set
His Briton in blown seas and storming showers;
We have a voice, with which to pay the debt
Of boundless love and reverence and regret
To those great men who fought, and kept it ours.
And keep it ours, O God, from brute control;
O Statesmen, guard us, guard the eye, the soul
Of Europe, keep our noble England whole.

Lord Tennyson

GO AWAY

Rain in the green grass, and rain in the tree,
And rain on the housetop, but not on me.

Nursery Rhyme

THINGS SAID

THE chances of peace have, I believe, improved, but if it is so, it is because the free nations have shown their determination to defend themselves.

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe

IF the Communist world and the Capitalist world could be convinced that neither planned the destruction of the other, the suspicions that divide them would be eliminated.

Señor Padilla Nervo, at the U.N. Assembly

ANY group of people happily engaged in some purposeful creative activity maintain a high average of health. If discussion groups, sewing parties, mothers' unions, boys' clubs, girls' clubs, suddenly ceased and there were nothing to take their places, our waiting-rooms would assuredly be more crowded.

Dr. George Day, in *The Lancet*

AN Australian travelling in America today rarely hears his country mentioned, and probably would never hear it were it not for a tennis player named Sedgman.

An Australian M.P.

Thirty Years Ago

WE like to remember that witty saying of Henry George, who was once faced with the question as to what would happen to all the people when they were grown too many for the earth to feed them.

"If you watched a puppy's tail grow," said Henry George, "you might say to yourself, That tail is growing so fast that when the dog is full-grown the tail will be three times as long as the dog." But it does not happen.

And never will it happen that when war and plague and slums have gone the people will hunger for food. There is enough and to spare in Nature's larder. All we need do is to get it out.

From the *Children's Newspaper*, November 4, 1922

JUST AN IDEA

As Matthew Arnold said: Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive, and widely effective mode of saying things, and hence its importance.



OUR HOMELAND

Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk, which has been given to the National Trust.—See page 7

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BRUNEL THE GREAT

The triumph of a Victorian pioneer

IF the famous Victorian engineer, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, had lived in our day he would undoubtedly have been busy developing atomic energy machines and faster aeroplanes.

Builder and Dreamer is the title of an absorbingly interesting new book by Laurence Meynell (The Bodley Head, 9s. 6d.), and it is the right description for this great engineering pioneer who, at the beginning of the steam age, built railways, bridges, tunnels, and ships. He was a man ever ahead of his times.

Isambard was born in 1806. His father, also a celebrated engineer, was a Frenchman, and his mother an Englishwoman whose family name was Kingdom. At 19 he was in charge of his father's enormously difficult project of a tunnel under the Thames. At 25 his bold scheme for the Clifton suspension bridge was accepted. At 29 he started building the Great Western Railway.

He was a whirlwind of energy and invention, always doing things on the grand scale. Of all his spectacular schemes none makes a more fascinating story than that of his wonderful steamship the Great Eastern, the last super-ambitious endeavour of his life.

HIS "CRAZY" IDEA

He was nearly 47, with many engineering triumphs behind him, when he proposed building a ship of 21,000 tons burden. As the largest ships then were not more than 5000 tons, people thought he had indeed gone crazy.

Nevertheless, he had his way and his ship, looking to our great-grandparents like a mountain of iron in a forest of scaffolding, took shape at Millwall, near London. She had two colossal paddle-wheels, a propeller, five funnels, and six masts.

How to get her into the Thames was a ticklish problem. Brunel proposed to launch her sideways, so he had her built parallel to the river.

Britain was agog with excitement on November 3, 1857, when the huge ship was to take the water. Brunel intended to ease her gently down the slipways by using hydraulic presses to push, and barges on the river to pull her with

chains. There were also brake drums ashore to check her movement.

From the start there seemed to be a hoodoo on the Great Eastern, for one of the brake drums got out of control and its whirling handles killed one man and injured others. The great ship moved a little way and then stuck.

Brunel tried again on November 19, this time with two more powerful hydraulic presses. Still the Great Eastern would not move, though two of the chains pulling at her from the river burst.

COSTLY LAUNCHINGS

Again and again the effort was made in the weeks that followed, and it was not until January 30, 1858, that she was afloat, her launching having cost over £120,000.

The tension of the launching made Brunel a sick man. He went on board "his great babe," as he called her, for her maiden voyage, had a stroke, and was carried to his home. There news was brought to him that misfortune had followed the Great Eastern to sea. She had burst a funnel water-jacket, scalding several stokers to death. A few days later the great builder died at the age of 53.

His wonder ship was dogged by ill-luck, and suffered damage again and again. After being used as a cable ship, she was idle for 12 years, and was then broken up.

She had served her purpose, however, of demonstrating that a ship of that size could cross the Atlantic. Like so many of Isambard Brunel's creations, she was a monument to his courage and imagination.

CABLE'S END

The "last house in Scotland," a small, white-washed croft at John o' Groats which stands so near the sea that winter gales sometimes drive spray right over it, has now been wired for electricity. Previously the tenant used oil lamps.

DRASTIC CHANGES LIKELY AT SOUTH KENSINGTON

People who have trouble with lifts will sympathise with the suggestion that a particularly tiresome one at the Imperial Institute in London should be presented to a museum of antiquities, together "with some of the Institute's other fittings."

The committee that has been tempted to make this suggestion, "at the risk of being thought frivolous," is one that has been inquiring into the future of the Imperial Institute, which is now controlled by the Ministry of Education.

They also recommend changing the name to The Commonwealth Institute, and advise that it should concentrate more on people than on things.

Among the committee's other proposals are that the Institute should provide social amenities, and also act as a centre for artistic pursuits—music, dancing, drama. It would also be a good idea, they think, to open an up-to-date Institute restaurant, with Commonwealth dishes as a regular feature on the menus.

Many people would welcome these developments, all calculated to present the British Commonwealth in a more vivid way.

FAREWELL TO TWO FINE SHIPS

The 15,047-ton liner Ormonde, the "Old Lady" of the Orient fleet, has made her 75th and last trip from Australia to Britain. She is to be broken up after many years of good service in peace and war.

Built on the Clyde in 1917, she served as a troopship in both wars, and since 1947 has carried about 18,000 British immigrants to Australia.

One of Britain's oldest aircraft-carriers, the 23,000-ton Formidable, is also to be scrapped. Built in 1937, she played a great part in the last war, serving in the Mediterranean and the Pacific. She was bombed, set on fire, and hit by Japanese suicide planes, but, true to her name, she was never out of action for long.

Where there's a wheel



One wheel

Strange ideas are sometimes successful, as is shown in these pictures. Above is the mono-cycle invented by a Swiss engineer who claims that it has a top speed of 100 m.p.h. The picture beside it is of a motor-scooter on which a Frenchman crossed from Calais to Dover. Floats were fitted to the machine, and the rear wheel drove a propeller. The acrocycle, a tricycle driven by a small airscrew, was built by a young Southampton man. It can reach a speed of about 30 m.p.h.



Two wheels



Three wheels

STATELY NORFOLK HOME

If stones could speak, what a tale stately Oxburgh Hall in Norfolk would have to tell! It has been occupied by the same family, the Bedingfelds, for 500 years, and now the Dowager Lady Bedingfeld, has given it to the National Trust.

One of Oxburgh Hall's tales would be about Sir Henry Bedingfeld in the 16th century. He was put in charge of the Princess Elizabeth when she was arrested on the order of her half-sister Queen Mary on a charge of being concerned in Sir Thomas Wyatt's rebellion.

Sir Henry was a staunch supporter of Queen Mary and it is said that he was very harsh to the captive princess, even being so rude as to sit in her own chair of state to have his riding boots pulled off in front of her.

It is probable, however, that his strict watch over her saved her from assassination.

Four years later his young prisoner became Queen, and when

he ventured to appear at Court she is said to have dismissed him "with a nipping word," saying sarcastically: "If we have any prisoner whom we would have sharply and straitly kept, we will send for you!"

Oxburgh Hall was built by Sir Edmund Bedingfeld at the end of the Wars of the Roses, and it has been little altered since his day. It is a superb pile of embattled walls, stepped gables, and patterned chimneys, surrounded by a moat. The most striking feature is the gatehouse, with two towers seven storeys high. In the turret of one of them is a room where Henry the Seventh once slept, and in it is a bed coverlet thought to have been made by Mary Queen of Scots.

The Bedingfeld family will continue to live at Oxburgh Hall, but next summer the gatehouse and the garden will be open to the public on three days a week.

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Empire Mosaic—19

SIR GEORGE GREY

Explorer and colonial reformer Sir George Grey revealed great qualities of courage and humanity in dealing with both white and native peoples in South Australia, New Zealand, Cape Colony, and again New Zealand, whose Governor he was in turn from 1841 to 1868. From 1871 to 1884 he was Prime Minister of New Zealand and a sincere friend of the Maoris.

BUSHMEN'S ROCK PAINTINGS

On the walls of caves and rock shelters South Africa has rich galleries of primitive art. Painted by Bushmen are virile studies of ceremonial dancers, animals and hunters, which recall the art of Stone Age cave-dwellers of Europe.

KING OF ALL LIZARDS

The 12-foot-long Komodo Dragon of Malaya belongs to the family of lizards called Monitors because they give warning of the approach of crocodiles, their hereditary foe, by hissing.

SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE

The arch of the Empire's largest single-span bridge rises 440 feet over Sydney Harbour and there is a clearance above the water of 170 feet. This main span is 1650 feet long, the total length of the bridge being 3770 feet. The bridge took eight years to build and cost over £10,000,000.

by Ridgway

FIRST RED INDIAN CHRISTIAN

Saved from demolition by contributors to a £6000 restoration fund, St. George's Church, Gravesend, is being re-opened on November 1 as a Chapel of Unity.

The fund was well supported by Americans, to whom the church means much, for here lies Pocahontas, a Red Indian princess who saved the life of Captain John Smith, leader of the English colony in Virginia.

Captain Smith had been captured by the princess's father, Powhattan, an Indian chief, who ordered his death but yielded to the entreaties of his 15-year-old daughter to spare his life.

Later Pocahontas became a Christian—the first of the American Indians to do so. She married John Rolfe, a Norfolk man, who was secretary of the colony, and he brought her to England.

But after only a year away from her native land, Pocahontas became ill and died at Gravesend on March 21, 1617, while preparing to return home to Virginia. She was only 22.

AN OLD DIGGER FORGETS

More than 40 years ago an Australian prospector discovered, somewhere in the Northern Territory, not gold, but uranium. In those days uranium was not much sought after, and Tim O'Shea kept a chunk of the ore as a curiosity and went on looking for gold.

Now the Australian Government gives rewards up to £25,000 for a discovery of rich deposits of uranium. American geologists have examined Tim's piece of ore and confirmed that it is strongly radio-active—but Tim, an elderly man, cannot remember where he found it!

A fading memory has cheated him of wealth, but gold-diggers are used to sudden turns of fortune's wheel, and he is probably taking it philosophically. One day it may all come back to him!

Sporting Flashbacks

IN 1903 THE OLD NEWTON HEATH FOOTBALL CLUB MANCHESTER, WAS SO HARD-PRESSED FOR MONEY THAT A BAZAAR WAS HELD TO RAISE FUNDS.

A FEATURE OF THIS BAZAAR WAS A HANDSOME ST. BERNARD, OWNED BY HARRY STAFFORD (TEAM CAPTAIN), MOVING ROUND WITH A COLLECTING-BOX.



CLUB HEADQUARTERS OF STIRLING ALBION F.C. (SCOTTISH LEAGUE) IS A CONVERTED 18TH-CENTURY MANSION



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BOY WHO FOUNDED A CITY'S MUSEUM

Peterborough can now boast an art gallery, an extension of the museum which was founded in the city in 1871 and owes its existence to the collecting zeal of a boy.

The lad's name was John Bodger, and he was born about the middle of the last century. His hobby was collecting odd and interesting things, such as ornaments made by French prisoners-of-war in Napoleon's day, and he kept them in a box in his bedroom.

As his collection grew, more boxes were needed, and after a time his room became full of them. But little did he dream that one day his treasures would become the nucleus of one of the finest museums in the district.

Fortunately for John—and for Peterborough—his parents approved of his hobby; so much so that his father obtained for him a lock-up room in a cottage behind his home, where he could spend happy hours sorting out his possessions and showing them proudly to his young friends.

His collection grew and grew and eventually became Peterborough Museum with John Bodger its curator. He remained in

charge of it, lovingly watching over his treasures for nearly 60 years.

Peterborough Museum outgrew one building after another until it reached its present home in Priestgate, a big 19th-century building which was formerly a hospital and was presented by the late Sir Malcolm Stewart.

John Bodger was no dry-as-dust curator. He remembered the delights of his boyhood and set aside

PROTECTING THE COCONUT

A furious battle is taking place on the usually peaceful Pacific island of Vavau in the Tonga Group, where the natives are striving to wipe out rhinoceros beetles which are attacking coconut palms, the main crop of these South Sea Islands.

The South Pacific Commission, composed of representatives of Australia, Britain, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United States, are helping in the fight. Breeding-places are being cleaned up, and ships and vehicles are being carefully inspected.

a special room to interest children; it contained, and still contains, all sorts of bygone toys, such as the monkey-on-the-stick and Dutch dolls which delighted former generations. One particularly attractive exhibit is a tiny Noah's Ark with nearly 100 occupants, including some insects and a pair of butterflies.

In another room he displayed the handicrafts of Napoleon's Frenchmen, held as prisoners at Norman Cross, near Peterborough. These things were made from bone and straw with the crudest tools—a lady's cabinet, jewel cases, clocks, spinning wheels, an 84-gun ship, a guillotine, and so on.

Now this admirable museum, which started in a boy's bedroom in the 60s of last century, has an art gallery attached. It is to be called the Maxwell Art Gallery because it has been made possible by a sum of £10,000 bequeathed to the museum in 1938 in the will of Mrs. Anne Maxwell Davis of Hove. That this lady visited Peterborough only three times in her life is ample testimony to the fascination of John Bodger's museum.

RIDDLE OF A CRATER

For some time botanists were puzzled about mysterious plants growing in a wartime bomb crater on Box Hill, Surrey. The plants belong to central or south-eastern Europe and are never found in Britain.

Some people formed the theory that the seeds had arrived with the explosives in the bomb; others thought that someone from abroad had planted them there to hoax British botanists.

The truth was revealed recently at a London Gardens Society meeting by Sir Edward Salisbury, F.R.S., Director of Kew Gardens.

It appears that a certain person had had the quite reasonable idea of trying to grow foreign plants in the crater, for there they would be more or less free from the competition of other vegetation.

From a botanical garden he obtained some old seeds that were to be thrown away, and having sown them, closely watched their development. But when the strange plants were reported in the newspapers as a mystery story, and botanists earnestly discussed it, he decided to confide his little secret to Sir Edward Salisbury, asking that his identity should not be disclosed.

SAINT'S CROZIER

For more than 13 centuries the Bachuill Mor, the sixth-century pastoral staff or crozier of the early Christian Saint Moluag, was kept on the Island of Lismore, Argyllshire. It was regarded with great veneration by the islanders, who believed that it possessed miraculous healing powers.

About a hundred years ago a Duke of Argyll removed it to his private museum in Inverary Castle, but now the crozier, one of the oldest relics of early Christianity in existence, has been restored to the island and given into the care of Mr. Alastair Livingstone, Baron of the Bachuill, direct descendant of a long line of hereditary custodians of the crozier.

WESTWARD HO! Charles Kingsley's Great Elizabethan Yarn, Told In Pictures (12)



Amyas, consumed by his longing for revenge on Don Guzman for the death of Rose, and of his brother Frank, pursued the Santa Catharina round the north of Scotland, and down into the Irish Sea. Many of the Armada ships were wrecked, and Amyas allowed his men to plunder one, as he had promised. But the stately Santa Catharina survived and kept ahead of the Vengeance, showing no desire to stop and fight.



The Vengeance chased the galleon into the Bristol Channel, where both ships were stopped by a calm. Amyas broodingly sharpened his sword for the hundredth time, while his shipmates were chilled by his black revengeful mood, which they feared portended bad luck. Then a violent thunderstorm swept the sea. Amyas ordered all sails set, and the Vengeance sped up Channel after the fleeing Santa Catharina.



For a time they could see nothing through the rain, then the cliffs of Lundy Island suddenly loomed up close ahead. They managed to steer clear, but they saw the galleon drive right on to the rocks, heave up, then roll over and vanish! "Lost! Lost!" yelled Amyas, and mad with rage that his foe should escape his sword, he threw it into the sea. Next there was a vivid flash of lightning and he fell on the deck.



The lightning killed Salvation Yeo and blinded and stunned Amyas. They carried him below, and sailed the Vengeance into the shelter of Lundy cove. When mighty Amyas recovered consciousness and realised he had lost his sight, he fell into a frenzy of grief and begged his friend Will Cary to kill him. They rowed him ashore and made up a bed for him on the floor of the lonely castle on the Island.

What has the future for this great sea captain, now blind? See next week's concluding instalment

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Continuing

Cross-Channel Quest

by GARRY HOGG

Enlisted by our guardian, Bruce Halliday, to help him trace certain foreign agents called Mr. A., Mr. B., and so on, my sister Nessa and I go to France. In our car we follow two of the agents, Mr. A. and Mr. B., who are also being followed by two other men, Mr. C. and A. N. Other as we call him. After drugging Mr. A's chauffeur in a café Mr. C. and A. N. offer Messrs. A. and B. a lift in their car. Bruce gives the order for them to be pursued.

9. We close in

"BIEN," said Pierre, and away we went again. The Renault took the road inland to a place called Pontorson, and there turned sharp left. We did, too. We soon found ourselves running along a raised causeway, or dyke, carrying the road and a single row of telegraph-posts and a grassy bank with a path on top of it. It curved all the way.

At the end of it there confronted us, seeming almost to be floating on the surface of the sea, a tremendous rock with ramparts round its base and stone houses clinging to its sides. Surmounting it all was what looked like a great cathedral, with a statue on the top of a sharply-pointed spire. The statue had a sword in its hand that glinted in the strong sunlight.

"Gosh!" I said. "What on earth are we coming to?"

Bruce was looking astonishingly pleased about something. "This is Mont St. Michel," he said. "Couldn't be better, from our point of view!"

"Why?" asked Nessa.

"You'll see, soon." He leaned forward and said something to Pierre, who nodded.

THE Renault, which was now separated from us by quite a procession of cars, slowed down and ran off along a sloping ramp on to a parking-place to the left. There were dozens of cars and coaches there already, and people were streaming away up a wooden track in the direction of the Mont.

Pierre, though, did not follow the Renault, but drove on a little way and then turned sharply into a gap between two cars where the road widened. He stopped with the bonnet overhanging the low kerb. Beyond was the sea, very shallow here, over muddy sand.

"Fine!" said Bruce, and elbowed us out of the car. Then, to Pierre: "Get in touch with Sûreté right away. And meanwhile keep an eye on the Renault. You can phone from the Gendarmerie yonder." Then he took us each by an elbow and set off rapidly towards the only gateway we could see, right ahead of us.

It was a massive gateway which I felt ought to have had a portcullis and a drawbridge. It was like the entrance to some huge prison or castle. I felt as though we really were going into a prison

when we passed under the high stone arch!

Bruce seemed in a terrific hurry to get through it, but he turned and looked back over his shoulder just as we passed through, and we heard him give a grunt of satisfaction. "Fine!" he said again.

"Why is it fine?" Nessa asked him, a little breathlessly because we were trotting along so fast over the uneven stone slabs.

"Because there's only one exit from the Mont, and this is it. And the whole place is so tight-packed that if you know what—or whom



We watch for our quarry

—you're looking for, you could hardly choose a better place to do your looking! You'll see."

AND very soon we did. When we got through the gateway and turned to our right (the only way we could go, as a matter of fact) we went almost immediately under another stone archway with a house built on top of it, and found ourselves at the foot of the narrowest street we had either of us ever seen. It was so narrow that if we stretched out our arms we could practically touch both sides at once. The buildings leaned towards one another over our heads so far that people in them could easily shake hands across the street if they wanted to!

"And for once," Bruce said, "thank goodness for a crowd!"

I knew what he meant by that. In a crowd you can "lose" yourself much better than where there are only a few people. That is why criminals "wanted" by the police usually make for London or some big city, instead of trying to hide in the open country.

This single "street"—it was hardly wide enough to be called even a lane, really—was packed jammed tight with sightseers taking photographs and jostling each other hopelessly outside and inside the souvenir shops. We had to walk single file, and we had not gone far before both Nessa and I had had our toes trodden on half a dozen times at least.

"This'll do excellently," Bruce said, and he pulled us into a doorway. "Now, let's watch."

WE knew well enough who we were to watch for. And sure enough, in a few minutes we spotted our quarry—all four of "him," so to speak, coming slowly up the cobbled street, packed close together and looking, we thought, rather grim. I got the feeling that Mr. A. and his companion Mr. B. were wishing very much that they could get rid of the other two, but did not know how to do so without making it too obvious. And I also got the feeling that the other two had no intention whatsoever of being got rid of!

"There aren't many hotels on Mont St. Michel," Bruce said. "And they are all crowded together along this single, steep, so-called Grande Rue." The four men had gone past us, much too engrossed in their own problems to be gazing about them. "Now what we've got to do is to see which one they check in at. Luckily, the choice is a small one."

I do not know about Bruce, but I do know that Nessa and I were feeling much safer here than we had felt all the time so far since we had that unfortunate encounter.

On the boat, even in disguise, we had felt horribly conspicuous; and in the car there was always the risk that they might have noticed how "interested" we were in their journey. Now, of course, thanks to the hordes of people everywhere, we could easily be mistaken for just another small party of sightseers!

THERE were several hotels quite close to where we had stopped, and they were packed elbow to elbow, just like the people swarming in the street. There was the Croix Blanche, the Cheval Blanc, the du Guesclin—all quite close to us, a little higher up. And others just beyond. Into one of them Messrs. A. and B. promptly vanished, as though they knew exactly where to go. Probably they had booked a room in advance.

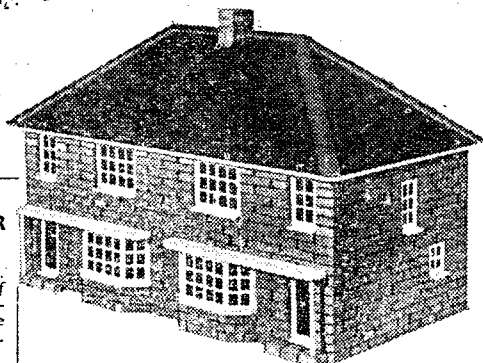
Like us, though, the other couple waited in the street, a little uncertainly, we thought. But after a minute or two Mr. C. sent his companion off to another hotel, on the opposite side of the street, while he himself withdrew into a shop doorway and watched.

"Ah, good," Bruce said, soon afterwards. The man had returned to Mr. C. and was pointing back



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SPORTS SHORTS

YET another young golfer determined to follow in father's footsteps is 16-year-old, six-footer John Amos of Brighton. He has become assistant to his father, who is professional at the Dyke Golf Club, near Brighton.

HOCKEY teams from 15 countries will visit England next autumn to attend the conference of the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations. Forty-two international matches will also be played. To cover the cost of entertaining their visitors, women hockey players all over Britain are working hard in a hundred different ways to raise £12,000.

TIP for young footballers. Stanley Matthews often practises with a Rugby ball. After keeping the oval ball under control, dribbling with a round ball is easy!

THE directors of Lincoln City Football Club have presented a cup to the Thorne Secondary School, near Doncaster, for an inter-house football competition. Dick Linley and Leslie Sheap, two 16-year-old ex-captains of the school soccer XI, are both playing for Lincoln City as amateurs.

BETTY GRAY and Shirley Jones, members of the Plasmarl club, Swansea, and both Welsh internationals, are bidding for the highest honours in table tennis. At the recent East of England open tournament, Betty won the ladies' singles, and Shirley the girls' singles; together they won the ladies' doubles title.

BILLY KNIGHT, British junior tennis champion, is spending six months in Australia, sponsored by the Lawn Tennis Association. This 16-year-old Northampton boy is one of our most promising players and competition in Australian tournaments against the world's best should provide him with wonderful experience.

HERO of the boys of Dartmouth Street School, Stafford, is 13-year-old Derek Heald, who recently bowled Denis Compton with two successive balls. Compton, W. J. Edrich, and Jack Young were demonstrating a portable, lightweight wicket at the school.

BRITAIN'S youngest lawn tennis professional is Arthur Moxham of Torquay, who is 16½. Arthur, who has won several junior events, recently passed the L.T.A. tests and is joining A. C. Roberts and his son Paddy, British Davis Cup player, at Torquay.



Determined to regain the world table tennis doubles title which they lost last year, the Rowe twins, Diane (left) and Rosalind, have given up their jobs to practise. The world championships will be held in March in Bucharest.

A WORLD'S fast-scoring record at billiards was set up recently in Melbourne by Walter Lindrum. Playing in an exhibition match he scored 100 in 27½ seconds, beating the previous record by 6½ seconds.

JAROSLAV DROBNY, the famous lawn tennis player, will soon return to Switzerland to act as player-coach to the Gstaad ice hockey club. Drobný has won many honours in this sport.

AT the Women's A.A.A. Championships in June, Anne Oliver won the mile title at her first attempt in a new British record time of 5 minutes 11 seconds. Now she has been awarded the Lord Hawke Cup for the best woman athletic champion of the year.

CROSS-CHANNEL QUEST

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over his shoulder to the doorway of an hotel we had seen him enter. "Looks as though they're fixed, too." We saw them turn back up the street, and both enter the hotel together. "Now us! You two wait here, and keep your eyes skinned while I go and fix rooms for ourselves as near to them as I can manage." And with that he departed up the hill.

"Isn't this super!" Nessa whispered. "I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

"Nor would I," I said. "It's smashing!"

WE saw Bruce go into the hotel right next door to the one Messrs. A. and B. had gone into, on the opposite side of the street. Soon afterwards he came out and beckoned to us.

We went in, and found ourselves at the foot of a curious winding wooden staircase, and up this we panted in single file, twisting round and round till we were quite dizzy. At last, when I had counted over

80 steps, Bruce stopped and opened a door. "Here we are!" he said, and we went in.

It was not a very big room, but its french windows filled practically the whole of the opposite wall and opened onto an enclosed balcony which overhung a narrow section of the ramparts themselves, far below.

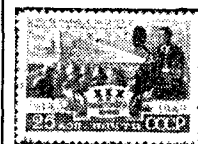
Bruce put his finger on his lips. Then he closed the windows and turned to us. "We're almost exactly on a level with the room Messrs. A. and B. have in the hotel next door," he said. "They have a balcony, too. I fancy we may find the arrangement very convenient!"

"Is this our room?" Nessa asked. "Lance's and mine. You're next door. A tiny room without a balcony, I'm afraid. But you'll spend most of your time in here. Meanwhile, Council of War. Luck's been with us. The gods have been kind!"

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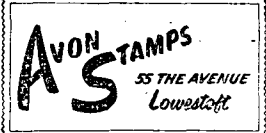


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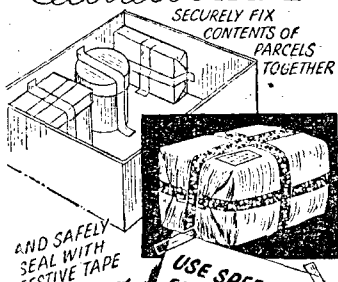
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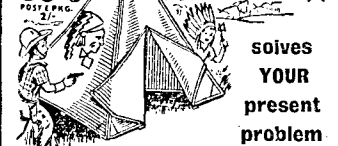
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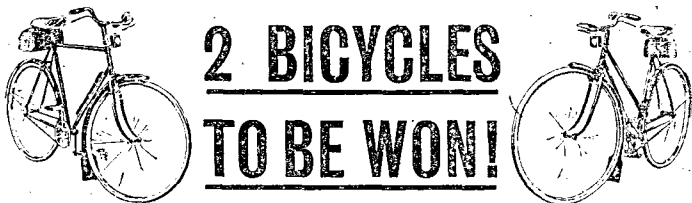
First they thought of collecting money but only got £30. Gradually this fund rose to £70, one little girl giving her threepence pocket money.

Then the men decided to build the room, the women providing hot food while they worked. The village got its school, and is now eagerly planning a water supply and a community centre.

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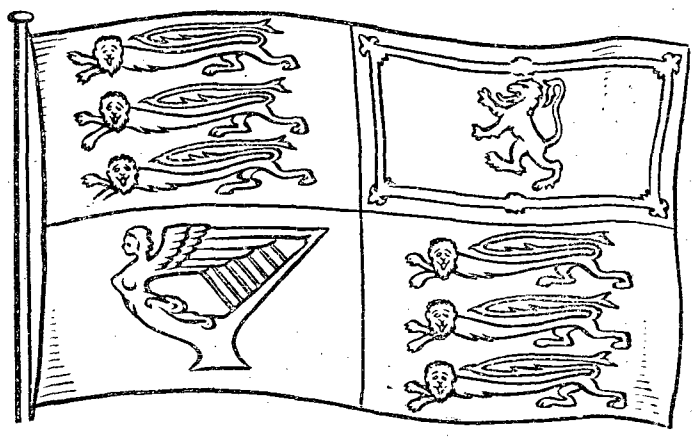
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THE BRAN TUB

MIXED DATES

A MAN was browsing through some curios in an antique shop when the assistant said: "That vase you're holding is early Greek. It is over 2000 years old."

"Over 2000 years old. How can that be? Why, this is only 1952."

Haugh measure

I'M sure that it would make you laugh

To see Belinda knit a scaugh. She has to bear a lot of chaugh Because it is too short by haugh.

COUNTRYSIDE FLOWERS

THE handsome Corn Marigold flourishes on light soils. The big, yellow, daisy-like flowers are borne singly at the end of a long flower stalk. Its branched stems grow from 12 to 18 inches high, and are clasped on alternate sides by bright green leaves. The leaves are long and deeply



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Despite their popularity with the rambler, farmers dislike these flowers intensely, and in some parts of the country they are referred to as "Bother 'ems."

BEDTIME CORNER

TOBY TORTOISE

TOBY our tortoise is yellow and black; We have painted his name and address on his back. For often he wanders away down the street, In search of his friends or fresh tit-bits to eat. He is fond of soft fruit, tender lettuce, and flowers, Contented he basks in the sunshine for hours. When winter draws near he retires to our shed, Where we carefully build him a snug little bed. On a heap of dry shavings, asleep he'll remain, Until the warm weather returns once again.

Jumbled Animals

IN this drawing are the jumbled names of twelve animals. Can you find them?



Sheep, leopard, jackal, hyena, tiger, bear, wolf, bison, cheetah, ape, rhinoceros, walaby.

JACKO GETS A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



"Let's take up that old balloon to see how high the fog really is," said Jacko one dull day. Soon they were ready—and Baby and Bouncer with them "just for extra ballast." "Right," called Jacko, "cast off and let it go." Up they went. Soon they were able to make out the church steeple—at eye level! And still they sailed up, until suddenly the air cleared. "Hooray," they chorused, "we've done it." But soon they were back in the gloom again—a slight leak in the balloon had "let them down."

Hidden places

MY first may be bought at a butcher's.

To my second, keen swimmers resort.

My whole is a Lancashire city, Where there's shipping of every sort.

Answer next week

Sammy Simple

"You are looking very thoughtful, Sammy," said mother.

"Well, I was just wondering," he said. "If a bee settled on a stinging nettle, would the nettle sting the bee or the bee sting the nettle?"

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

USEFUL SINNERS. "Fog's getting thicker," observed Farmer Gray to Don and Ann, as they skirted the Big-wood.

"Look! Pigeons!" exclaimed Ann, gazing at some birds perched in an oak quite near. "It's odd that they don't fly off."

"It's the fog," explained the farmer. "It appears to have a stupefying effect on them."

"Jim says pigeons are destructive and useless," remarked Don.

"Destructive, yes," agreed the farmer, "but not useless. Pigeons eat the seeds of many harmful weeds, including charlock and ragwort, and although this may not pay for their crimes, we should give them credit for the good they do."

Come out to play

Can you add the right young person to complete each of these words? Thus, "Outxxxx (Excel)" would give "outLASS."

Saxxx (vegetables eaten raw).
Rexxxx (negligent).
Cutxxx (sword).
Carxxx (large bottle).
Balxxx (song).
Disxxx (send away).
Windxxx (it's used on ships).
Hautxxx (musical instrument).

Answer next week

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two letters of the second, and so on.

1. Small Belgian town with mineral springs which gave its name to all such watering-places; produces about 50 million bottles of mineral water a year.
2. Great Russian dancer, born and trained in St. Petersburg; settled in London; died 1931.
3. Blood-sucking bat native to South America; was also the name of one of the earliest jet fighters, a twin-boom single-engine machine.
4. Cornish town in the tin and copper mining district.

Answer next week

Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS: 1 Insect larva. 4 For cleaning floors. 8 Normal. 10 Image. 11 Royal Academy. 12 Favourite. 14 Trivial. 16 Conducted. 18 Female pronoun. 19 Wireless. 21 Rural District Council. 23 High. 24 Valley. 26 Landed properties. 28 Observed. 29 So.

READING DOWN: 1 Hold tightly. 2 In harmony. 3 Wicked. 4 Stubborn animals. 5 Alternative. 6 Separated. 7 Kill. 9 Summit. 13 Pass. 15 Beat grain. 17 Settee. 19 Regrets. 20 Grain. 22 Felines. 25 Allow. 27 Note of Tonic Sol-fa scale.

Answers next week

Lively life

LAUGHED a merry old lady from Hull,

"On the seashore life couldn't be dull

Shells are found by the score, And there's sea birds galore, Though I can't tell a tern from a gull."

You cannot miss it

"CAN you tell me the way to the Houses of Parliament?" asked a visitor to London.

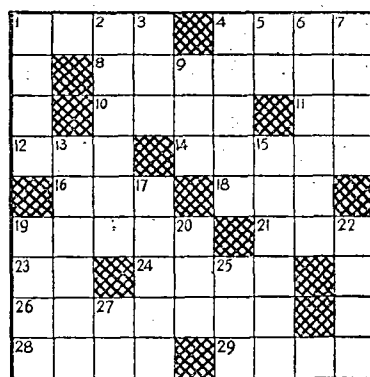
"Yes," came the cheerful reply. "Go up to the top of this street, turn left, and you'll see a little shop with a red doorway. They're just opposite there."

Riddle my town

IN gas but not in air;
In leopard and in bear;
In sleep but not in snooze;
In socks but not in shoes;
In swift but not in fleet;
In barley, not in wheat;
In fork and also knife.—
A Crusoe in real life.

Answer next week

The Children's Newspaper, November 1, 1952



Double meaning

The two missing words are similarly pronounced, but have different meanings. Can you find what they are?

WITH —, and almost every tool,

To watch Jan is a sheer delight. But when he — his figures up, The answer's very seldom right.

Answers next week

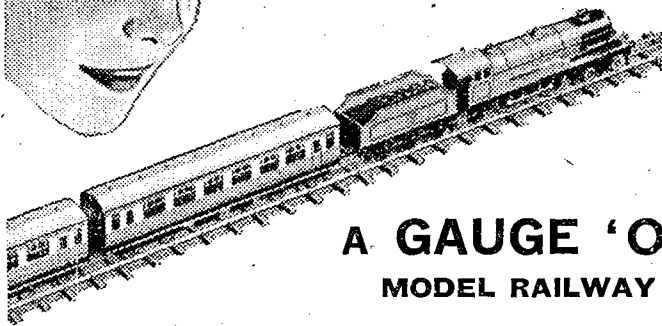
YOUNG QUIZ—answers

- 1 North and South Atlantic, North and South Pacific, Indian Ocean, and the Arctic and Antarctic Oceans.
- 2 Cygnet.
- 3 Thirty-two.
- 4 In 1916.
- 5 Sensible.
- 6 A West African lemur.
- 7 Ferdinand Magellan (although he was actually killed before the complete journey had been made).
- 8 Golf (it is a club).

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Shy animals. Cat, hare, lion, pony, donkey.
Chain quiz. Zulu, Lundy, dynamo, Moomouth.
Hidden players. Pace, Parkes, Jones, Martin.
Riddle in rhyme. Canterbury bell.

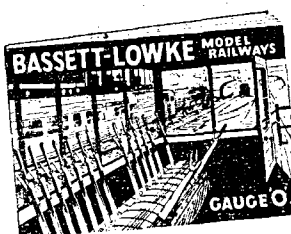
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